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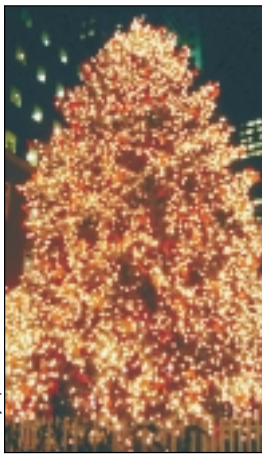
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Greeting the season

Holiday spirit was visible throughout the borough this week. (At left) Metrotech Center boasts at 50-foot Blue Spruce, which was officially lit Tuesday in a ceremony that included music and a visit from Santa. (Top right) The enormous menorah in front of Borough Hall was lit on the first night of Hanukkah by Rabbi Aaron Raskin and Borough President Marty Markowitz. (Bottom right) In Bath Beach on Nov. 26, Alaa Salem dishes out a feast in a Ramadan celebration at the Muslim Youth Center on Bath Avenue and Bay 22nd Street.

Clones' Teufel shuffle

Name Tim manager, raise tickets a buck

By Vince DiMicele
The Brooklyn Papers

Former Mets second baseman Tim Teufel is the new manager of the Brooklyn Cyclones, but unless fans are willing to sit in the bleachers, they're going to have to cough up an extra buck to see him.

The Cyclones introduced Teufel, 44, who played for the Mets between 1986 and 1991, as their new skipper on Wednesday. He hit 254 with 86 homers and 379 RBIs during his 11-year major league career that also included stints with the Twins and Padres.

They also announced that ticket prices for all seats except the bleachers will be jacked up by a dollar apiece. Field box seats will now be \$11, box seats will be \$9, field reserved seats will be \$8 and grandstand seats will be \$7. Bleacher seats will remain at \$5.

"It's the first increase we've had, and it's a fairly nominal increase," said Cyclones senior vice president of business affairs R.C. Reuteman. "We think we're giving the fans great value for their money."

The hiring of Teufel to replace his '86 World Champion teammate Howard Johnson (who will remain with the Mets organization) should come as no surprise to Cyclones watchers. The Brooklyn Papers reported last September that he would likely take over



Tim Teufel BP / Greg Mango

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PAY ON SUNDAY

Council, mayor sneak in 7-day meters

By Patrick Gallahue
The Brooklyn Papers

If you thought a whopping property tax hike was the only revenue-raising device passed by the City Council and Mayor Bloomberg last week, guess again. Before the end of the year, you'll have to feed the parking meter on Sundays in most Brooklyn neighborhoods.

Hardest hit will be the parking-metered streets of Community Board 2, which encompasses Brooklyn Heights, Downtown Brooklyn, DUMBO, Boerum Hill, Fort Greene and Clinton Hill. A whopping 33 streets will be affected in CB2, including many with little or no commercial activity on Sunday.

Beginning as early as Dec. 15, you'll have to pay the parking meter on most metered streets around the borough and across the city.

Without meetings, hearings or public review, community boards were stunned to receive letters this week, dated Nov. 25, from Lori Andino, the acting Brooklyn borough commissioner of the Department of Transportation (DOT), notifying them of which metered streets were about to see six-day-a-week metered parking extended to seven days.

Even before the merits or drawbacks of the plan were delineated, community boards found themselves blindsided by a notice that gave them only about two weeks of warning. "I think this is big enough that we should have had a month or so of notice," said Roy Vanasco, chairman of CB2's traffic and transportation committee.

Signage replacements are scheduled to begin on Dec. 10 and a target completion for the entire project in Brooklyn is late January. "It's clear that this isn't Monopoly," said Craig Hammerman, district manager of Community Board 6. "The days of free parking are over."

"We were told what was going to happen," Hammerman said. "We weren't asked or consulted."

According to the DOT, of the 19,504 parking meters that are about to go into effect on Sunday, 7,282 will be in Brooklyn, compared to 5,029 in Queens, 4,975 in Manhattan and 2,218 in the Bronx and Staten Island.

"If community boards have comments and criticisms, we will be more than willing to listen to them," said DOT spokesman Tom Cocchi. He added, however, that public input isn't required for the DOT to make the adjustment.

"I don't believe it's widespread," Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said on



Starting this month, Brooklyn residents will have to feed parking meters on Sunday.

Cops accused of mafia ties

By Patrick Gallahue
The Brooklyn Papers

A former Carroll Gardens-Red Hook police detective charged with moonlighting for the mob went on trial this week in Manhattan federal court. And two other 76th Precinct officers have been implicated in Mafia-related activity.

Detective Michael Silvestri was working at the 76th Precinct when, according to federal prosecutors, he helped his cousin, Joseph "Big Joey" Brisona, a reputed Mafia enforcer, cover up the murder of a longtime gangster who ran a loansharking operation out of a South Brooklyn social club. Silvestri, whose trial started Monday, is still on the force, on desk duty.

The Daily News reported Monday that three other officers, two from the 76th Precinct, have been implicated in the investigation of Silvestri and the DeCavalcante crime family, although none of the three have yet been charged.

"I don't believe it's widespread," Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said on Monday when asked if corruption at the 76th Precinct was a rampant problem.

Silvestri, who is facing charges of being an accessory to murder, racketeering and destruction of evidence, was a decorated member of the 76th Precinct's ranks, winning 48 medals of commendation in his 19 years on the force. Federal Prosecutor Dani James, however, charged that Silvestri "turned his back on his oath."

If convicted, Silvestri faces 15 years in prison, according to the Department of Justice.

Conigliaro, who according to legend wound up in a wheelchair after he and another gangster accidentally shot each other, ran a loan sharking business out of a social club within the confines of the 76th Precinct. Brisona and his gang, who were allegedly tired of working for Conigliaro set up his "hit."

According to the indictment, a Brisona associate named Martin Lewis shot Conigliaro in his car in 1998. But Conigliaro somehow managed to drive himself to New York Methodist Hospital.

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RAPES ON RISE

By Patrick Gallahue
The Brooklyn Papers

Last week a teenage girl reported to police that she was kidnapped at the corner of Joralemon Street and Boerum Place by two men, forced into a car and raped at gunpoint at another location. Several months earlier, a woman was allegedly beaten and sexually assaulted in an elevator of a Downtown Brooklyn building at 50 Court St.

In the second incident a homeless man was taken into custody, while no arrests have yet been made in the first.

Those are just two, however, of 15 reported incidents of rape in the 84th Precinct so far this year, representing a sharp increase in sexual attacks compared to this time last year. The 84th Precinct includes Brooklyn Heights, Downtown Brooklyn, Boerum Hill and DUMBO.

While crime is down citywide, rape cases have drastically increased throughout the five boroughs, at about 6 percent, with 100 more cases reported thus far in 2002 compared to the same time last year.

"Stranger rape has gone up the smallest amount of that 6 percent increase," said Police Commissioner Ray Kelly on Monday. "Acquaintance rape and domestic relations are the two other areas that have increased."

Ten percent of the reported increase in rape reports came from the 84th Precinct.

According to Inspector Christopher Rising, commanding officer of the 84th Precinct, of the 15 cases reported this year, 12 involved people who knew each other. Of those 12, only one case remains open, with seven resulting in arrests and four with victims deciding not to press charges. Rising said. Of stranger rapes, one remains open, and two have resulted in victims unwilling to prosecute.

Rising suggested that a close monitoring of domestic violence databases, through home visits by officers, may be successfully alerting victims in abusive households of the services that are available, and hence increasing the number of victims willing to go to the police.

"It may be another cause why there's more reporting and more awareness—letting people know the availability of the police department and counseling," Rising said. "We're trying to track what's going on behind closed doors."

There were almost 300 recorded home visits this year, Rising said, up 41 percent compared to last year.

In western Brooklyn figures vary, with most increases and decreases in different neighborhoods.

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Court scandal yields new rules

By Patrick Gallahue
The Brooklyn Papers

State court officials announced this week a sweeping plan, initiated by a Brooklyn court scandal, to end a lucrative system of political and judicial patronage.

The series of rules regarding the distribution to lawyers of guardianships and receiverships came about after an investigation, sparked by a bombshell letter written to the Kings County Democratic Committee, uncovered a widespread system of judicial patronage in the Brooklyn courts.

The new rules, set forth by Chief Judge Judith Kaye, limit the amount of money a receiver can collect in a single year, tighten the oversight on receiverships and make an attempt to divorce political patronage from the process, by making state and county political leaders, their law firms and their immediate relatives ineligible for such appointments.

In addition, former judges and people who served as judicial campaign officials, their immediate relatives and their law firms will be ineligible for appointments for a period of two years after either the election in which they were involved or leaving the bench.

"The new rules governing fiduciary appointments are the latest step in the court system's comprehensive program to reform the fiduciary assignment process in New York," said Chief Administrative Judge Jonathan Lippman, in announcing the reforms.

Last December, a Commission on Fiduciary Appointments, assembled by Kaye, reported that between 1995 and 1999, an inordinate percentage of receiverships in Brooklyn were given to attorneys connected to the courts.

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Poly opts out of Empire stores

By Patrick Gallahue
The Brooklyn Papers

Polytechnic University has withdrawn from a proposal to develop a Brooklyn Bridge Park, a 1.3-mile commercial and recreational development between the Manhattan Bridge and Pier 5 at Joralemon Street.

After issuing a request-for-proposals (RFP), the BBPDC narrowed its selection down to three.

Among those to respond to the RFP that still consider themselves in contention are Two Trees and Shaya B. Developers. The third candidate could not be confirmed by press time.

Ben Klein, the vice-president of operations for Shaya B., declined to discuss the proposal in detail but said it met the stipulations of the RFP, which asked for "a mix of retail, cultural and commercial use."

Two Trees spokesman Jed Walentas said, "I haven't heard anything from them one way or the other, so as far as I'm concerned we're still in the running."

Despite Polytech's absence from the proposal, Walentas said the BBPDC was still in the running.

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The Empire Stores at Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park. BP / File photo

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Bandits hit Heights, D'town banks

By Patrick Gallahue
The Brooklyn Papers

Police believe the same bandit may have tried to rob Chase banks in Brooklyn Heights and Downtown Brooklyn, on Monday, although a connection is less clear to a string of robberies that came before and after.

A man walked into a Chase bank on Flatbush Avenue at Nevins Street, at 3:25 pm on Dec. 2 and passed a teller a note that read, "Pass the money. I have a gun."

The teller handed the robber \$400 and he took off in an unknown direction, police said.

Ten minutes later, at a Chase on Montague Street at Clinton Street, a man bearing the same general description as the robber of the Flatbush Avenue branch, also passed a note demanding money.

This time the perpetrator took off without taking anything. Police could not explain

the robber's premature departure.

The suspect in both cases was described as a black male, about 25 years old, about 6-foot-3 and 175 pounds.

A spokeswoman for Chase said it was the first time this year that a robbery occurred at the Montague Street branch but that there had been an unsuccessful attempt on the Flatbush Avenue branch last May.

In that instance, the suspect, bearing a different description, fled without taking anything when the teller began to cry, according to a police report.

The robberies in the 84th Precinct on Monday were the third of the day in Brooklyn.

Earlier on Monday, at 2 pm, a Citibank was robbed in East New York, police said. The robber in that incident also passed a note demanding cash and fled with an undisclosed amount of money. Police,

however, did not have a detailed description of the suspect at press time.

The next day, another pair of bank robberies in which a bandit passed a note to a teller, occurred in Queens, beginning at a North Fork Bank shortly before 10 am.

The thief fled the North Fork Bank with an unknown amount of cash, and soon after, yet another robbery occurred about 40 minutes later, at a

Greenpoint Savings Bank on Queens Boulevard. This time the thief fled with approximately \$7,000.

While in both instances the robber was described as a black male, detectives from the Brooklyn Major Case Squad, a wing of the special investigations division, who are handling the Chase cases, are still trying to determine whether any of the bank robberies are connected.

Burgles put cops on alert

By Patrick Gallahue
The Brooklyn Papers

Residents of northern Brooklyn Heights may want to take extra care in fastening their windows and doors.

Last week featured a spate of break-ins around Hicks, Cranberry and Middagh streets, all on the same day.

And while Inspector Christopher Rising, commanding officer of the 84th Precinct, said the incidents did not appear to be related due to varying points of entry and disparate MOs, he said police have nevertheless stepped up patrols in the area.

"Our evidence-collection team has gone out to every one of [the crime scenes] and we've increased our presence in the area," Rising said.

At least two of the incidents appear to involve a single culprit. In a pair of apartments in a building on Hicks Street, between Middagh and Cranberry streets, burglars broke in through windows abutting the fire escape on Nov. 20.

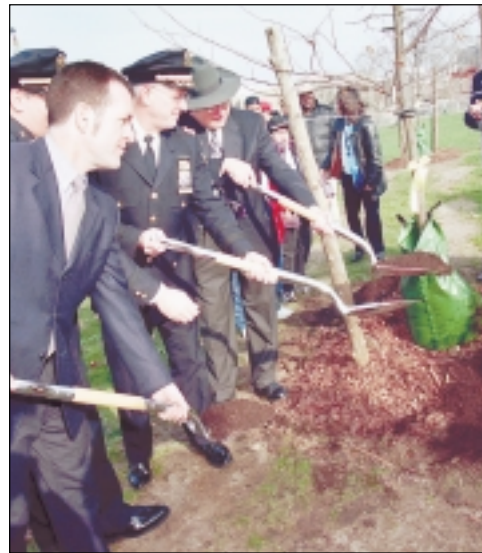
A 50-year-old resident of one of the apartments had left home at 8 am and returned that evening to find that he'd been robbed of \$11,000 in jewelry and a \$2,100 laptop computer.

Another apartment in the same building was robbed via the fire escape, between 10 am and 5:30 pm, of property valued at \$14,000.

Also on Nov. 20, a home on Cranberry Street, between Hicks and Henry streets, was robbed of a computer, jewelry and silverware valued at \$15,400, sometime between 8:20 am and noon.

"We're looking at them, but there's nothing that jumps off and says there's all related," Rising said.

The 84th Precinct conducts free home security surveys. To schedule one, call (718) 875-6363.



Grove honors victims

Matthew Arnn of the U.S. Forest Service, Asst. Port Authority Police Chief Michael Valent (partially obscured), Brooklyn South Chief Joseph Fox and state Sen. Seymour Lachman dig holes for new planting at ceremony deducing Sunset Park's Memorial Grove of Trees to commemorate the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. The grove will consist of 45 trees inside the park at Fifth Avenue and 43rd Street.

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'Affordable' Columbia Street ready to debut

By Patrick Gallahue
The Brooklyn Papers

For Carroll Gardens merchant and activist Buddy Scott, Thursday, Dec. 5 is going to be a very special day.

After years of lobbying for affordable housing in Carroll Gardens, the Columbia Street Waterfront District and Red Hook, Scott will see the ribbon cut on 14 new residential buildings in the waterfront district.

The \$9.1 million project includes 24 condominium units in six buildings at the corner of Union and Columbia streets and eight townhouses along Columbia Street between Kane and Woodhull streets.

"This is essentially middle-income housing and an effort to deal with gentrification, and an effort to tell people who cannot live in this city," said Scott, who owns the Scotts Funeral Home and is founder of the Carroll Gardens Association, which worked with the New York City Partnership to make the project happen.

The townhouses have been

occupied since July, although applications for the condos are still being reviewed.

Construction on the six condominium buildings at 109, 111 and 115 Union St., and 216, 222 and 224 Columbia St., began last summer, and sold for an average of \$184,742 for people with household incomes between \$36,000 and \$75,000.

Of the 24 units, 18 are two-bedroom, and the remaining six are one-bedroom units.

Three-family townhouses at 267, 303 and 305 Columbia St., and 90 Kane St., as well as two-family townhouses at 133, 135, 137 and 139 Columbia St., sold for between \$359,000 and \$524,000.

Subsidies from the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation, which contributed \$240,000, and Borough President Mark Markowitz, who kicked in an additional \$24,000, helped reduce the cost of these properties.

During a community meeting hosted last year by the land use committee of Community Board 6, objections were raised that the prices would be prohibitive to people



The condo at 222 Columbia St. (at left) and townhouses at 303 and 305 Columbia St. (above) are part of the new housing built in Carroll Gardens. *The Brooklyn Papers* / Tom Cullen

already living in the area.

"I do support the project. It's a good project," said CB6 member Pauline Blake, "but income levels that they were using for owning those houses were a little too high for certain people."

The New York City Partnership responded that the

condominiums were "affordable," as opposed to "low income" when the criticisms were made last year.

"Of course it's not enough," Scott said this week.

He also said there have been complaints that the system was chosen by a lottery, making it look "like a lottery

of political pull," he said, but added, "We have to take that or we don't get any housing at all."

The new buildings will feature six ground-floor storefronts totaling 7,300 square feet of retail space. Commercial tenants have not yet been selected.

The buildings were constructed by John Frezza, owner of Strategic Development and Construction Group. Frezza is also the Empire State Development Corporation's selected developer for a lot bounded by Hoyt, Schermerhorn, State and Bond streets in Downtown Brooklyn.

RAPES...

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In the 68th Precinct, which includes Bay Ridge and Dyker Heights, the number of reported rapes, 11 as of mid-November, was exactly the same as this time last year.

In the 72nd Precinct, which includes Windsor Terrace and Sunset Park, there have been 23 reports of rape this year, compared to 30 this time last year.

Meanwhile, in the 78th Precinct of Park Slope, Boerum Hill and Gowanus, there were nine reported rapes as of mid-November, compared to eight the same time last year, and in the 76th Precinct of Carroll Gardens, Cobble Hill and Boerum Hill, reports of rape have increased from four to nine.

Last week, the City Council's Public Safety Committee, which includes council members David Vassky, of Brooklyn Heights, Marty Golden, of Bay Ridge, and James Davis, of Fort Greene — heard testimony from the police department on the increase.

"It's something the police department is focusing on because of the rise in the citywide," Vassky said. "There are not really new initiatives but they are continuing to improve their DNA investigative infrastructure."

While it's been theorized that improved investigative tools have given victims a valuable edge in scientifically proving the guilt of their perpetrators, the department is not certain if there is an increase in reports versus an actual rise in incidents, according to testimony before the committee.

Kelly also vowed on Monday that the NYPD's special victims unit would be "re-structured and reorganized" to deal with the increase in rape reports.

"Stranger rape has gone up, and we are looking at it closely," said Kelly. We are looking at re-organization and restructuring of the [special victims] unit.

As to why rape is on the rise while every other major crime category is down, the commissioner said, "It's difficult to say. We are looking at it closely. One possible explanation is that it's being reported more accurately."

"They don't have a theory for much of the reporting and they hope it's an aberration," Vassky said.

The Public Safety Committee passed a resolution on Nov. 26 urging the state legislature to extend the statute of limitations for rape and other sex crimes from five to 10 years.

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It was 1986 when Phelps' pain began. After 11 years in the U.S. Air Force, he suffered a devastating automobile accident that left him with severe leg, lower back and hip pain.

Following his injury, Phelps sought out aggressive treat-

ments, flying cross-country to undergo a series of hip replacements in Houston.

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"The problem with pain is you really can't prove or not prove that someone has pain," said Scott Fishman, anesthesiologist and psychiatrist at U.C. Davis and author of the book, "The War on Pain."

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BID in works for Myrtle Avenue

By Patrick Gallaue
The Brooklyn Papers

Myrtle Avenue, linking Downtown to central Brooklyn, may soon have its own business improvement district.

More than 30 merchants and property owners attended a pair of meetings on Nov. 20 to discuss the avenue's priorities and outline the advantages of creating a business improvement district (BID).

"Where there's merchant or property owner support this neighborhood BID could be a really good transition from the Downtown business district to the eastern neighborhood," said Jennifer Gerend, executive director of the Myrtle Avenue Revitalization Project Local Development Corporation, which is sponsoring the effort to bring a BID to Myrtle Avenue.

While Gerend said it was too early to draw the parameters for the BID, a rough approximation might be from Metrotech to Bedford or Clason Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

A BID levies an assessment — based on a percentage of the assessed value of the properties within the district, square-footage and storefront square-footage — from the property owners or merchants. Those funds are collected by the city Department of Finance and circulated through the city Department of Small Business Services, back to the district management association, which runs the BID, to finance ancillary services such as garbage collection, signage improvement or other priorities as determined by the participating businesses.

The Myrtle Avenue Revitalization Project has essentially begun the first of two phases for the BID's formation by recruiting a steering committee and surveying businesses and landlords in the area. The target for completion of Phase I is between three and six months.

Phase II involves collecting property owner and tenant information, finalizing district plans and coordinating meetings between city agencies and the tenants, which is also

supposed to take between three to six months.

"If we were able to create a BID on Myrtle Avenue this would create a really sustainable solution on the avenue for a long time," Gerend said. "This would be a mechanism to provide services to the strip for the foreseeable future."

Once both phases are completed, the BID's formation must be approved by the related community boards through which the BID passes, the City Planning Commission, the City Council and ultimately, the mayor, said Mark Newhouse, a spokesman for the city's Small Business District.

"It's a growing destination retail and commercial center," Newhouse said. "[Myrtle Avenue] is exactly the kind of place that the business improvement district program is meant to support."

Myrtle Avenue has experienced a resurgence in recent

years with the creation of the Myrtle Avenue LDC in 1999, which has sought to recruit new business to the avenue.

Identifying the need for more business diversity, the LDC has worked to bring a cafe, florist and butcher to Myrtle Avenue, to join the existing new businesses such as Bergen Bage's on Myrtle Avenue at Hall Street and a Duane Reade drugstore near Flatbush Avenue.

Employing such devices as a recruitment campaign known as "Rolling Up the Gates," using a database of available commercial space, the LDC held an open house in storefronts last February to show potential entrepreneurs what the neighborhood has to offer.

The event earned the LDC the Barbara Wolff Award for economic development presented by NYC Small Business Services Commissioner Rob Walsh and Mayor Michael Bloomberg last July.



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Dividing time over holidays

Q: "When my son and his family visit from out of town, they spend more time with his wife's mother, who lives in the same city as I do. I feel neglected, particularly on holidays." — a grandmother

A: After years of lopsided family time, one grandmother has given up and doesn't expect her son's family for any holiday dinners.

Even when parents make more of an effort to balance time with extended families, someone inevitably winds up feeling left out or stressed out.

"It's agonizing," says one mother of three who strives to strengthen ties with two sets of out-of-state grandparents while building traditions in her own home. "It's exhausting when there are so many variables to organize. You feel like you're trying to stretch too much."

Tension over how time is divided — how to be in two or three different places at once — is common. As parents try to build new traditions for their own children, pressure and guilt trips make matters worse.

"When you put pressure on, you do damage," says Sue Johnson, a grandmother who wrote "Granddovings: Making Memories with Your Grandchildren" (Hearst/HarperCollins, 2000), with her daughter-in-law. "Give your children their wings and they will fly away and return. Try to hold on, and they will resist and bolt."

What's a place, even if a visit falls short of your expectations as a grandparent? "Saying out loud that you appreciate the effort helps a lot," one mom says. "Not all babies travel well. Just getting a baby from home to the grocery store is a challenge some times."

Rather than holding on too tightly to the idea that it's your right to see your grandchild, you might try to remember it's a gift when it does happen, says Johnson.

Grandparents need to realize there are two family traditions to be combined, Johnson says.

A grandfather agrees: "Blending the traditions of two families when you are first married takes some thinking and being considerate. You can't go all one family's way. Many of us have grown up trying to please everyone, but your main focus has to be on your spouse and children."

Different approaches to gain family time:

- Consider why there's an imbalance. Is your daughter-in-law just selfish? Or does the "other grandmother" have a more child-friendly house? Is she more flexible about scheduling meals and activities around a child's needs? Frangible no-touch treasures make some parents less inclined to visit.

- For holidays, look beyond celebrating only on a certain date. A mother in Dallas says her mother has been the one to be flexible, while her mother-in-law insists on celebrating on Thanksgiving Day and on Dec. 25. Can you bend but still share some of your traditions with your grandkids? Looking back, one grandmother resents that she gave up her own Christmas traditions to travel to spend time with her children and grandchildren. "I did this to accommodate my daughters-in-law who simply couldn't leave their mothers on the holiday," she says. "The result of my flexibility is that I lost myself."

- A mother of twins says her parents were willing to gather together but her in-laws were not, so they alternated holidays.

Parent-to-Parent



By Betsy Flieger

• Another mother of three kids has made the most of having her in-laws and parents in the same town, about two hours from her. She invites both sets of grandparents to share birthdays and holidays. For her family, she says, there's a joy in not having to choose between grandparents.

• Try to count your blessings, even though you'd like more time with your grandchild. From an excluded grandmother: "My husband and I feel like outcasts, forgotten and tossed aside, because visits with our nearby grandson are so rare. My son's wife dictates all policies and is so devoted to her family. When I inquire, my son tells me to just give it time."

The grandmother puts some of her energy and disappointment into a journal and scrapbooks, and hopes for a change of heart.

For more tips, go to the "Granddovings" website at www.granddovings.com.

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to the Kings County Democratic Committee.

"Court-appointed fiduciaries are entrusted with control of the personal and financial interests of some of the most vulnerable members of society — widows, orphans, incapacitated persons and the elderly," Kaye said this week. "It is imperative that these assignments be made solely on the basis of merit."

When confronted last year with the allegations of cronyism, representatives of the Kings County Democrats shot back that it made sense to appoint someone who was known to that judge.

This week, Jeff Feldman, executive director of the Kings County Democratic Committee, declined to comment.

Under the new rules, fiduciary candidates must be culled from eligibility lists and meet specific training and experience requirements to be included on the roster.

"It used to be, if you wanted to be on the list you would be on the list," said Lippman. "Now there are going to be specific training requirements. We haven't issued them yet. But at the very least they are going to be training in the area that you want to serve in, and second, training on the new rules — the dos and the don'ts."

Receivers, or fiduciaries, are appointed to control a business or property when it is the subject of a civil action, most commonly in cases of foreclosure. Generally, receivers are paid from the proceeds that the properties or businesses yield during the time they manage them.

Among the new dos and don'ts, fiduciaries may receive only one appointment in a single calendar year paying \$5,000 or more; fiduciaries who reach a cap of \$50,000 in aggregate payments from their appointments in a single calendar year will be ineligible for appointments in the next calendar year; judges who award more than \$5,000 to a fiduciary appointee must provide a written justification for the award.

Most of the rules will take effect on Jan. 1, while the eligibility lists will not be established until June 1.

The Office for the Special Inspector General for Fiduciary Appointments revealed a year ago that 52 percent of the receiverships, in the studied time, were doled out to 16 individuals with connections to the

Brooklyn Democratic Party. More than half a dozen attorneys were recommended for disciplinary action.

The investigation also revealed that the firm of Garry and Ludwig was selected as the attorney in 74 percent of the instances where receivers appointed counsel.

The firm, which has done work for the county Democratic Party, should have been ineligible, even under the old rules, to receive these secondary appointments because two of its attorneys, partner William Garry and his brother Thomas, are the sons of Brooklyn Supreme Court Judge William Garry.

Subsequently, under the new rules, secondary appointments, such as counsel, property managers and accountants, will now be made by the court.

It was Thomas Garry and Arnold Ludwig's stunning letter that opened the floodgates for the investigation.

In December 1999, Ludwig and Garry wrote a letter to the Kings County Democratic Committee's law committee, of which both attorneys were members, complaining that they were cut out of lucrative legal fees by Ravi Batra, the attorney who had previously been directing court-appointed work to them, who was handling a lucrative case involving the Cypress Hills Cemetery.

The resignation letter to the county party made no secret that party loyalty equaled court fees. Ludwig and Garry sent the letter to more than 40 district leaders in Brooklyn and it was subsequently made public.

At the time, Kings County Democratic Committee Chairman Clarence Norman emphatically denied a link between his party and court appointments.

"There is no 'patronage system' between the Democratic Party and the courts," Norman told the Brooklyn Papers after the letter went public. "People have this perception that the county leader tells a judge who he or she should appoint. That's ridiculous."

Norman, a Brooklyn assemblyman whom Batra employed as an advisor to his Manhattan law firm, said at one time that their relationship was strictly professional.

"This whole call for an investigation by the chief judge... will disabuse people of the notion that there's a link between the county and the par-

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said the plan could go ahead with office space in place of the business incubator.

"You can just replace Polytech with more office space," Walentas said. "If it'll make more money for the park, to me it's a less interesting proposal and to me it's not as good for Downtown Brooklyn, it's not as good for the city and it's not as good for DUMBO and it's not as good for the city."

In fact, the Walentas-Polytech plan might not have been able to generate enough revenue to meet the needs expected for the site by the park planners.

Revenue from the Empire Stores is projected as contributing over \$600,000 towards the park's estimated \$10 million opening expense, with additional commercial entities such as parking, restaurants and a hotel furnishing the remaining maintenance costs. Last summer, however, Two Trees estimated that the revenues from their proposal with Polytech would only generate \$300,000 to \$400,000.

Comprising a little over 300,000 square feet, the warehouses had previously been slated to house a high-tech business incubator with a Polytechnic University technology center, ground-floor retail space and a rooftop café.

Though Walentas said Polytech would have depended on subsidies, he added that an academic facility would have contributed a vitality that is missing from other uses.

Meanwhile, Polytech will also go ahead with its plans for a business incubator.

"It's over with Empire stores? Officially we notified them that we needed to withdraw to go forward with our other plans," said David Gillette, special assistant to the school president. "We received a small grant from the federal government and we are going to build a small incubator space here on campus... It will be much more modest than we would have had at Empire Stores."

With \$400,000 in federal money, Polytech will begin construction inside Rogers Hall in about three months. Gillette said the school hopes to complete the work in about 18 months.

The Polytech plan has been through an on-again, off-again roller coaster over the past several years.

The state Parks Department had initially signed off on Walentas' plan, making him the designated developer for a limited period, which would have run into this year.

This summer, the BBPDC brushed aside those plans and put out its RFP for the conversion of brick warehouses that lie between Fulton Ferry State Park, even while Walentas seemingly still had development rights.

"We certainly had a designation," said Walentas said. "But at the same time the designation said that if, at any juncture for any reason the state decides they want to go do something else, they can do that."

Battles have consistently been raised over the use of the Empire Stores between Two Trees and the local community.

The state Parks Department signed on as the lead agency in April of 2001 and was ready to get a six-month to nine-month State Environmental Quality Review process (SEQR) underway.

Assemblywoman Joan Millman and then-state Sen. Minority Leader Martin Gromer, longtime park champions, called for the process to be slowed down until a framework for developing the park could be devised so that the Empire Stores could be developed along with the larger park.

Walentas, however, charged at the time that it was a stall-tactic and that the stores fit within the broad principles of Brooklyn Bridge Park.

Now, with a framework in place and the subsidiary of the Empire State Development Corporation overseeing the implementation of Brooklyn Bridge Park's master plan, the Empire Stores are once again on the market for proposals.

The BBPDC sent out about 40 RFPs to potential developers to compete for a 39-year lease, with two 10-year options. There are currently three proposals the BBPDC is considering.

Jim Mogam, executive director of the BBPDC, could not be reached for comment by press time to discuss how, or if, Polytech's withdrawal would affect Two Trees' consideration.

Chief Judge Judith Kaye

ty," Norman said in January 2000.

Batra, in May 2000, resigned as counsel to the Cypress Hills Cemetery after Attorney General Eliot Spitzer rebuffed the judge on the case to have him removed.

The state court system also announced this week the creation of a pilot program in the First and Second Departments, comprising Brooklyn, Queens, Long Island, Westchester, Manhattan and the Bronx, in which the court system's internal auditors will review the reports and accountings of guardians over the affairs of incapacitated persons.

The examiners right now are people who are appointed to do that work," Lippman said. "So now we're going to pilot it as, basically, court system employees."

The rules were approved by the state Court of Appeals after consultation with the Administrative Board of the Courts and were based on a series of recommendations by the Commission on Fiduciary Appointments.

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proposed a bunch of other fee increases and things like this. "I think, ideally, more community input and public input would have been better but the mayor was pressing for very quick action on his budget gap-closing program and with some justification," Yassky added. "Because we are in the middle of a fiscal year and had we gone on like this we would

have ended up in a billion-dollar hole." Of the Brooklyn delegation only Bensonhurst Councilman James Oddo, the council's minority leader, and Fort Greene Councilman James Davis voted against the budget. Davis, however, said it was the tiny percentage of the property tax hike that upset him about the budget, claiming that service cuts could have been avoided with a lesser

percentage and that there should have been exemptions to the elderly and disabled. In this fiscal year, the Sunday meters are expected to raise an extra \$1 million while in the next fiscal year it is anticipated they could collect an additional \$3.5 million. The funds will be used to supplant funds to DOT that have been cut by the mayor, Cocca said. Though the purpose of the expansion was clearly to raise capital, the DOT hoped it might also assist stores and targeted re-

tail streets for the expansion. The selection of streets was "based on circulation," Cocca said. Though some saw possible benefits, Yassky grudgingly accepted that it was a necessary evil to help fill the city's depleted coffers. "It's not a good idea, it was a necessary thing to do," Yassky said. "I don't see a policy justification for it beyond the revenue." Within CB6, which includes Park Slope, Cobble Hill, Carroll Gardens, Gowanus and

Red Hook, metered parking will be extended from six to seven days on Eighth Avenue from Berkeley Place to Grand Army Plaza; Flatbush Avenue from Grand Army Plaza to Pacific Street; Seventh Avenue from 10th Street to Lexington Place; Fifth Avenue from Pacific Street to 15th Street; Ninth Street from Fourth Avenue to Sixth Avenue; Court Street from Atlantic Avenue to Nelson Street; Smith Street from Atlantic Avenue to Second Street; and Atlantic Avenue from Hicks to Court streets. In CB2, which by far had the largest number of streets affected, streets that will change to seven-day parking

are Atlantic Avenue from Hicks Street to Fourth Avenue; Schermerhorn Street from Clinton Street to Boreum Place; Livingston Street from Clinton Street to Flatbush Avenue; Joralemon Street and Remond Street, from Henry Street to Court Street; Clark Street from Henry Street to Court Street; Furman Street from Livingston Street to Old Fulton Street; New Dock Street; Front Street from Old Fulton Street to York Street; Everet Street from Old Fulton Street to Water Street; Henry Street from Clark Street to Middle Street; Clinton Street from Livingston Street to Middle Street; Cadman Plaza

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to Lafayette Avenue and from DeKalb Avenue to Willoughby Street; Hanson Place from Ashland Place to Fort Greene Place; DeKalb Avenue from Gold Street to Ashland Place; Amity Street from Henry Street to Clinton Street; Willoughby Street from Jay Street to Ashland Place; Smith Street from Atlantic Avenue to Warren Street; Court Street from Warren Street to Atlantic Avenue; Atlantic Avenue from Third to Fourth avenues; and Fourth Avenue from Bergen Street to Atlantic Avenue.

In CB7, which includes Sunset Park and Windsor Terrace, the Sunday rules will affect Fifth Avenue from 15th Street to 22nd Street and from 38th Street to 64th Street; and Fourth Avenue from 39th Street to 46th Street and from 59th Street to 64th Street.

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from Holo as it always appeared Teufel, who worked as a roving infield instructor for the Mets the past two years, was being groomed for the job. "I had asked Tim if he would be interested in managing two years back," said Cyclones executive vice president Jeff Willy. "I had given him some prodding. Mets senior assistant general manager Jim Duquette gave him some prodding. We said, 'Maybe you'll like it, maybe you won't, but it will definitely be a great learning experience for him.'"

"When I was roving, Jeff had told me that if I had the right to manage, he'd have me up in Brooklyn," Teufel said. "This year provided the perfect opportunity for both parties to have it happen."

Teufel, who lives in Connecticut and plans on renting a home in the Brooklyn area, added that he was excited that his first experience managing in the minor leagues would take place in Brooklyn. "It's going to be a great place to come," he said. "All the energy there, how the people support that town. The

kids don't know how good they've got it. It's really a remarkable place."

Teufel becomes the third manager in three seasons for the club, replacing Johnson (who led the team to a disappointing 38-40 record in 2002). In the Cyclones inaugural season, Edgar Alfonzo—the brother of Mets third baseman Edgar Alfonzo—guided the team to a 52-24 record and a share of the New York-Penn League championship.

2003 schedule

The New York-Penn League's 2003 schedule is set, with the Cyclones opening the season on June 17 with six road games, against Aberdeen, New Jersey and Staten Island, before their home opener on June 23 against the hated Yankees, who last season dethroned the Cyclones as New York-Penn champions. See schedule at left.

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Dem moves to GOP

By Amy Westfedit

Associated Press

Veteran state Sen. Olga Mendez switched to the Republican party Tuesday, indicating she was angered by a Democratic leader's criticism of party members who endorsed Republicans in last month's election.

"I know when I'm not wanted," said state Sen. Olga Mendez, 76, of Manhattan, at a news conference with Gov. George Pataki, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno and other leading Republicans.

Mendez, the minority conference chairwoman who has served in the Legislature since 1978, said she was switching parties because Democrats were no longer able to solve the problems of Latinos, blacks and others in her East Harlem constituency.

She said she had been approached by Republicans previously to switch parties, but

was hopeful the Democratic Party would change.

"They haven't, so I do what I gotta do," she said. Mendez said she was offered a committee chairmanship but declined. "I told other plans," she said. She declined to elaborate but said the plans did not include re-election.

Mendez brings the Republican majority to 38 senators in the 62-seat chamber, the largest GOP edge in modern times.

Mendez, the first Puerto Rican woman elected to public office in the United States and one of the longest-serving Puerto Rican politicians, was one of two Democratic senators to endorse Pataki this year in his successful re-election campaign against Democratic state Comptroller H. Carl McCall. Sen. Carl Kruger, who will become the Senate's new minority leader in January, said two weeks ago that no Democrat who endorses a Republican over a Democrat in "major races" will hold leadership positions in the Democratic conference under his rule.

Mendez said Tuesday she was angered by Pataki's remarks and the implication that those who did not show enough party loyalty would be punished.

"That really incensed me," she said. "It is likely that Sen. Mendez would not have been re-elected to her leadership position as chair of the Democratic conference," Pataki said in a statement Tuesday.

"So I completely understand her decision to switch party affiliation. In the past, Sen. Mendez has distinguished herself as an independent Democrat. I hope that as a Republican she will be able to maintain her independence."

Pataki said he and his Democratic colleagues will decide whether Kruger should be punished, but for endorsing the Republican opponent of Democratic incumbent Sen. Vincent Gentile, Gentile lost.

Mendez was joined at the Women's National Republican Club news conference by Mayor Michael Bloomberg, whom she endorsed last year, and Pataki. The governor called Mendez a maverick who "has always done what she has believed is right."

Mendez will lose an added stipend, known informally as a "tulu" in Albany, for holding a leadership position in the Legislature. The Democratic conference chair gets an extra \$16,500 a year above legislators' regular annual salary of \$79,500.

The Senate's Republican

majority has helped bolster its advantage over Democrats by wooing Democrats. In 1998, a Syracuse-area senator, Nancy Lorraine Hoffmann, switched to the Republican side of the chamber. In 2002, Democratic Sen. Pedro Espada of the Bronx said he was switching to the GOP; but he never filed a change of enrollment card and ended up losing his bid for re-election this year to Democrat Ruben Diaz.

Also taking a Rochester-area seat in January will be Joseph Robach, a Democratic state assemblyman who ran as a Republican to capture the Senate seat given up by Democrat Richard Dollinger. Robach will join the GOP majority in the Senate.

Pataki was chosen as minority leader by Senate Democrats in the wake of the November election. He will replace Martin Connor of Brooklyn Heights.

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Ramadan conclusion nears

By Deborah Kolben
The Brooklyn Papers

"Ramadan is not only about fasting from sunrise to sundown, it's about teaching yourself discipline and punishment," explained Rami Abdel-Naby, a 14 year-old from Bensonhurst and member of the Muslim Youth Center on Bath Avenue at Bay 22nd Street.

The Muslim holy month, which will end on either Thursday or Friday dependant on the sighting of the crescent moon, is a time during which practitioners abstain from food, drink and tobacco during daylight. At night, Palestinian, Egyptian, Yemenite and Lebanese Muslims gather at the center to share the sweet taste of dates and to pray as the sun goes down. Following the prayers, dinner catered by a Halal restaurant on Atlantic Avenue is served.

Ramadan ends with the festive holiday of Eid al-Fitr. Before being renovated last year, the Muslim Youth Center was a party hall known as the Colonial Mansion. Dangling chandeliers remain, but a new playroom was added and several other updates were made to the property.

The upstairs ballroom accommodates the more than 100 community members who come to break fast and provides enough room to create a separate section for men and

women, who cannot pray together.

Despite the physical tasks of Ramadan, which include rising in time for the 5 am prayer, most Muslims cherish the holiday. "Ramadan is better than any other month," said Saida Daoud, a Muslim woman from Bensonhurst.

"You feel relief," said Daoud. "The sky is open."

"Ramadan is the time of year when Muslims can ask for anything they want — freedom, health, to pass a test," said Abdel-Naby. "All devils are chained up, so if you do anything bad it's coming from you, not the devil. So you know that is something you have to change."

Abdel Djamil, a math teacher from Bay Ridge who travels daily to the center during Ramadan, said that Eid al-Fitr is a time of joy, but also of sadness. "We've been praying together for 30 days," Djamil said, "and then it just stops."

By the end of Ramadan, the entire Quran, the Muslim holy book, has been recited. Events planned for Eid al-Fitr include praying, eating, and a host of rides set up for the children in the park behind the center.

For further information about Eid al-Fitr activities, you can contact the Islamic Society of Bay Ridge at (718) 680-0120. All are invited to an Eid celebration at the Muslim Youth Center at 1933 Bath Ave.



Dorar Avdullah and Sylvia LaCerra at fast breaking for the day at Muslim Youth Center in Bath Beach last week.

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in Park Slope, despite being mortally wounded. The indictment says that Brideson showed up at the hospital with his cousin Silvestri and that Silvestri used his position as a police officer to enter Conigliaro's car and remove the shell casings at the behest of Brideson, who feared that his fingerprints could be lifted from them.

"I got a cousin ... in the 7-6, Detective Silvestri," Brideson is caught saying on an FBI surveillance tape. "He was the first detective on ... that came up to the hospital. And, you know, he found the shells in the car and he took 'em out for me."

Silvestri's attorney, Steven Brounstein, argued that the detective has "no real relationship" with Brideson and blasted the charges as "totally untrue."

In addition to the allegations of removing the shell casings from the vehicle, Silvestri is implicated in running license plates of loan-shark victims and tipping off mobsters when the names surfaced in another murder investigation, according to prosecutors.

Two other officers at the 76th Precinct also reportedly ran license plates for the DeCavalcante crime family, according to FBI informants.

As reported in the Daily News, an informant said to Brideson, "I got these two guys, you know? Vinnie's nephew. They're out at the 7-6. They run plates, they do a lot."

"Is he stand-up?" Brideson asks.

"I think he is," the informant replies. "I mean, you know, he's a cop ... He does favors for people. You know what I mean?"

"Vinnie's nephew," a union delegate, is reportedly the nephew of Vincent "Vinnie Ocean" Palermo, the former acting boss of the DeCavalcante family, who turned on the mob and became an FBI informant after being arrested

in 1999, according to Daily News sources.

A sergeant at the 76th Precinct has also reportedly been implicated in providing services to the DeCavalcante family, although the police commissioner said he was only aware of one other officer at the 76th that was under investigation.

"There are two officers involved in this investigation," Kelly said. "The officer on trial today [Silvestri] was arrested in 2001. This case involves another officer that was placed on modified assignment two months ago in regards to this case. There's no other aspects of this investigation that I'm aware of involving members of the department."

A fourth officer, at another precinct, was reportedly implicated with the DeCavalcante family in an arson plot, and paid a mobster-turned-informant \$5,000 to burn down a house.

No arrests have been made in regards to these allegations.

Prosecutors further charge that Silvestri asked his partner, Detective Michael Pierre, to give a false story to the FBI, which claimed they'd interviewed Brideson's wife about the murder.

Pierre initially covered for Silvestri, according to James, but then came clean and agreed to testify for the government.

The New Jersey-based DeCavalcante family, who, according to published reports, were caught on federal wiretaps a couple of years ago boasting that they were the real-life inspiration for the "Sopranos" television series, have taken a lot of hits the last few years, including an indictment in April that implicated its bosses and several of committing seven murders, being involved in 14 murder conspiracies and attempting two other killings since 1978, on both sides of the Hudson River.

Conspiracy writer visits

By Sara Kugler

Associated Press

A French author who suggests that the Sept. 11 attacks were devised by a faction of the U.S. military is planning to promote his book on a tour that will begin in New York City.

Thierry Meyssan's book, "9-11, The Big Lie," also suggests that the Pentagon was hit by an American missile, and not a hijacked airliner.

USA Books, a subsidiary of the book's French publisher, said he could launch the tour as early as this month. The dates have not been set, according to Asad Lalljee of USA Books, but the publicity blitz is likely to include interviews with several major TV news shows that have expressed interest.

In the book, the left-wing author suggests that the attacks were plotted to promote a U.S. military agenda that included waging war in Afghanistan.

The French press ridiculed the book, but it became a best seller in France for three months. The English version has not seen the same success, but Lalljee said 5,000 copies have sold without any marketing in the past six weeks since it was made available.

The Pentagon has called the allegations in the book "more than insulting."

Lt. Col. Ken McClellan, a Defense Department spokesman, said Monday he was appalled that Meyssan is planning a U.S. visit.

"Certainly there's a market for any sort of trivialization of history," McClellan said. "That doesn't make it less of a tragedy."



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Return of the 'Nut'

Mark Morris' exuberant take on 'The Nutcracker' returns to BAM

By Paudanne Simmons
for The Brooklyn Papers

After an almost 10-year hiatus, Mark Morris' "The Hard Nut" is back at the Brooklyn Academy of Music this holiday season. What's more, the seven-performance engagement reunites the Mark Morris Dance Group with the Brooklyn Philharmonic, the orchestra that performed at both the 1992 debut and the 1993 engagement at BAM.

"The Hard Nut" makes an irreverent nod to E.T.A. Hoffman's classic book "The Nutcracker" and a non-traditional bow to legendary choreographers Lev Ivanov and George Balanchine.

"The Hard Nut" made its world premiere in 1991 in Brussels, where the Mark Morris Dance Group was based at the Theatre de la Monnaie as the national dance company of Belgium, and the piece has become an annual holiday tradition in the San Francisco Bay area. This month, the group will forgo its Berkeley engagement to celebrate its 100th performance on its opening night at BAM.

"This year it worked out," Morris told GO Brooklyn. "I'd like to be here every year."

Morris's relationship with BAM began in 1984, "very early in the Next Wave series," he said. "We were asked to perform. I was just starting out."

"The Hard Nut" takes place in the 1970s in a suburban setting that features winning children, an omnipresent television and enthusiastic guests who arrive bearing armloads of gifts. The cartoonish sets by Adrienne Lobel are based on the drawings of comic book artist Charles Burns.

"It's exciting and fun and funny all at the same time," Morris said.

But Morris insists "The Hard Nut" is "totally classically structured." For one thing, his goal is not to overshadow but rather illuminate Tchaikovsky's original score.



Cracking up: (Top) Dancers June Omura, Lauren Grant, general director Barry Alterman, Rob Bessner, Greg Nuber, Maile Okamura (hidden), Julie Worden, choreographer Mark Morris and Craig Patterson in a scene from Morris' "Nutcracker" adaptation, "The Hard Nut." (Above) Dancers, in costumes by Martin Pakledinaz, fling handfuls of flakes.

"I completely re-approached it from scratch," he said. "If you grow up as a dancer, you hear the music too much, and it loses its musical value. I wanted to re-visit the music in its beauty."

Morris, whose company has performed to live music only since 1996, is particularly pleased that Robert Cole, who first brought "The Hard Nut" to Berkeley as director of Cal Productions, and also conducted the orchestra there for the BAM engagement.

So is Catherine Cahill, CEO of the Brooklyn Philharmonic. "Robert Cole is extraordinarily familiar with Tchaikovsky's 'Nutcracker Suite' and with Mark Morris' brilliant choreography," she told GO Brooklyn.

Ten years later, "The Hard Nut" hasn't changed much.

"There are several original people — like me — and several new people," Morris said.

On the other hand, he noted that the production changes with virtually every performance. "The whole first act is based on improvisation," Morris said. "It's a very open interrelationship with characters that change night by night. That keeps us on our toes."

For Brooklynites, however, the nicest part of the production's return to Brooklyn is the collaboration and commitment of BAM, the Brooklyn Philharmonic and the Mark Morris Dance Group. "BAM is an important relationship for

DANCE

The Mark Morris Dance Group's production of "The Hard Nut" will be performed Dec. 17 at 7 pm, Dec. 18 at 7:30 pm, Dec. 21 at 7 pm and Dec. 22 at 3 pm. Tickets are \$25, \$40 and \$60. For tickets, call (718) 636-4100 or visit the Web site at www.BAM.org. The Howard Gilman Opera House is located at 30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene. The Next Wave gala benefit will be held on Dec. 17. Call (718) 636-4182 for gala tickets.

us, as is working with other artistic organizations "on-campus" in the Brooklyn cultural district," said Cahill. "We're delighted that we will be performing during the holiday season, and we hope to become acquainted with new audiences and to introduce them to the Brooklyn Philharmonic."

In fact this is only the second of three Brooklyn Philharmonic co-productions with BAM this year; the other two are Osvaldo Golijov's "La Pasión Segun San Marcos" and Mozart's "Così fan Tutte," which will be performed this spring.

On Dec. 17, BAM will celebrate 20 years of the Next Wave Festival with a reception preceding, and a gala dinner following, "The Hard Nut" performance.

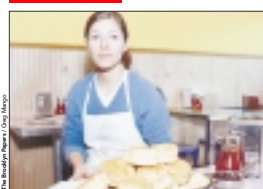
Morris, 46, who was born in Seattle, Wash., and moved to New York City in 1976, considers BAM "pretty much our New York headquarters."

"My studio is here," he said. "We're right across the street from BAM. Half my company lives in Brooklyn. We have a dance school that's totally blossoming. We've got more than 300 kids from the neighborhood. We're putting on the show for 70 kids."

When asked where he thinks he'll be 10 years from now, Morris promptly responded, "Right here."

"We have sky and air and sunlight," he said. "And we're across the street from my favorite theater in town."

DINING



Biscuit rising

Josh Cohen, former chef of Relish, in Williamsburg, has now opened Biscuit, a Carolina-style BBQ restaurant on Flatbush Avenue off Seventh Avenue, right on the edge of Park Slope and Prospect Heights.

"BBQ brings people together," says Cohen, who grew up in the Slope and still resides there. (Acting as manager is Cohen's childhood friend Robert Lorenzo.)

Maio Martinez (pictured), who sharpened her dough-kneading skills in New York's Bousley restaurant and the Russian Tea Room, bakes the restaurant's signature buttermilk biscuits several times a day.

Cohen's menu also features dry-rubbed pork ribs and chicken that is hot-smoked on the premises; cold-smoked and then broiled salmon; catfish sandwiches; and the "Mr. Brown," a biscuit filled with smoky pork shoulder. Sides include mac and cheese, red beans and rice, collard greens and, for those who like a little meat with their meat, there's the "lone bone," a single BBQ-ed rib.

Desserts are inspired by church suppers with Devil's Advocate cake, as well as pecan and apple pies, and that '60s answer to sweet chic: pineapple upside down cake. Cohen's is baby sized.

Biscuit (367 Flatbush Ave. between Seventh Avenue and Sterling Place) accepts cash only. Entrees: \$6-\$13. For information, call (718) 398-2227.

— Tina Barry

THEATER

Reaching out

New theater company mounts an interactive 'Scrooge' in Bklyn

By Lisa J. Curtis
The Brooklyn Papers

There's a new theater company in town.

This year, the Waterloo Bridge Theatre Company will present its production of "Scrooge: A Christmas Carol," directed by J. Brandon Hill, at the Impact Theatre in Prospect Heights.

The play was previously staged at the 8-year-old company's former home at West 38th Street at Seventh Avenue in Manhattan as well as at the Port Authority Bus Terminal two years ago.

Then their landlord raised their rent.

"He raised the rent to astronomical levels," Hill told GO Brooklyn, which forced the off-off-Broadway troupe way off Broadway and into Fort Greene. They came to Brooklyn's ARTNY Space on South Oxford Street to perform for the past year, but were still without a home.

Tim Lewis, artistic director of the Impact Theatre, took Waterloo in.

"I've known Tim for a long time," said Hill, the founder and artistic director of Waterloo. "I acted in his theater company in Manhattan. Right before we got our own theater in Manhattan, we shared his in Manhattan. [Waterloo's] mega-long range goal, however, is to get our own theater, but rent is just so expensive."

The Impact Theatre space allows Waterloo to do more mainstage productions, such as "Scrooge" now and a "Science-fiction epic version of 'The Tempest' in March," explained Hill.

"Moving to the Impact Theatre is an exciting step for the Waterloo Bridge Theatre Company because it gives us the opportunity to become a permanent fixture in the burgeoning arts community in Brooklyn," said Hill, a Park Slope resident.

The Impact Theatre currently hosts a theater company of the same name, under the artistic direction of Lewis. The Impact Theatre company, also a displaced Midtown Manhattan troupe, arrived in December 2000, and Teatro Experimental Blue Amigos (TEBA), a bilingual theater company, joined Impact in June 2001. (Since then, TEBA has changed from Impact's partner to only renting the theater for performances.)

The theater was formerly occupied by the Boundstoop Theatre Inc. The theater survived under the name Underhill 190 for just one year before Boundstooppeak threw in the towel and Lewis took over.

"Waterloo does really good work, like TEBA," said Lewis. "They have a few things going like an improv group and a comedy improv group. They are very aggressive. I'm very happy to have them."

Hill is confident that his company's interactive approach to staging classic and new works will enable Waterloo to have more success and longevity than its predecessors, while keeping tickets at affordable, off-off-Broadway prices.

"It's always a bit of a gamble, short of bringing a few Hollywood stars into your show," said Hill. "But we put theatricality back into theater. We try to figure out what theater can offer that the other arts can't and, hopefully, that will excite the people."

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THE BROOKLYN PAPERS

Holiday Delights

Brooklyn performances update the classics with new settings and sounds

By Kevin Filipksi
For The Brooklyn Papers

From the Brooklyn Music School's joyously fun update on "The Nutcracker," to seasonal harmonizing by the Brooklyn Youth Chorus, to a timeless treasure at the scenic Bargemusic venue, to an exotic Tan Dun Passion at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn will be awash in great performances this holiday season.

Here are the highlights.

'Nutcracker' in da 'hood

Billing it as "Tchakovsky in the 'hood" may be too much, but otherwise, "A Brooklyn Nutcracker" is a singular take on a seasonal favorite fast developing into a notable and very welcome Brooklyn tradition. Tickets are \$15, \$10 children and \$50 opening night.

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Sing, sing a song

For its annual holiday performances, the "Holiday Harmonies" concert, the 200-member strong Brooklyn Youth Chorus — currently celebrating its 10th anniversary — is featured in two separate programs: one with the 200-member strong Brooklyn Youth Chorus at St. Augustine Church, 116 Sixth Ave. in Park Slope. (Tickets are \$25, \$15 and \$8 children 10 and younger.

For more information, go to the Web site at www.brooklynouthchorus.org.

In the main program, "My Heart Rejoices" (7:30 pm), the Brooklyn Youth Chorus is joined by the Inter-Mediate Division Ensemble for an evening's worth of excerpts from the choral repertoire, including works by Robert Schumann and Leonard Bernstein's "Mass," which the Youth Chorus recently performed at Carnegie Hall with the Collegiate Chorus.

Earlier in the day, at a 2:30 pm family matinee, "A Children's Celebration" features the Brooklyn Youth Chorus' Training Chorus in an assortment of familiar seasonal music and carols, featuring J.S. Bach and John Rutter.

These sing-along concerts are not the Brooklyn Youth Chorus's masterpieces: an endlessly inventive series of memorable melodies — especially the sections that aren't overheard as the ubiquitous "Spring" section — "The Nutcracker," called "The Hard Nut," at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, 30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene, Dec. 17-22. (For more information, see "Return of the Nut" on GO.)

Always in season

Since Antonio Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" is — thanks to its title — current no matter what time of year, Bargemusic is to be commended for its thematic programming that places the baroque warhorse in its holiday schedule.

For two weekend programs, the string ensemble El Virtuosi Italiani appears on the Bargemusic stage (on the East River at Fulton Ferry Landing, leaning heavily on — who else? — Italian composers. For the Thursday and Friday (Dec. 5 and Dec. 6 at 7:30 pm) evening programs, "Four Seasons" is the featured work, followed by an orchestral arrangement of the only string quartet composed by Giuseppe Verdi.

Although Vivaldi's masterpiece is an endlessly inventive series of memorable melodies — especially the sections that aren't overheard as the ubiquitous "Spring" section — the Verdi quartet is equally filled with the kinds of delectable chamber music sounds that one might think would have eluded Verdi, the master of the Italian grand opera.

Accompanying the ensemble are harpichordist Eva Young (in the Vivaldi work) and violinist Mark Peskanov, who returns for the second Virtuosi Italiani programs Saturday and Sunday (Dec. 7 at 7:30 pm and Dec. 8 at 4 pm), which begin with more — and more obscure — Italian music.

Two infrequently performed Italianate works for string orchestra — "Serenade for Strings" by Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari and "Concerto for Strings" by Nino Rota, better known



"Passion" in the flesh: Composer Tan Dun, of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" fame, will unveil his "Water Passion after St. Matthew" at the Brooklyn Academy of Music on Dec. 11.

for his Fellini film scores but also a mastery composer of orchestral music — open the bill, followed by readings of familiar works by two youthful prodigies who became something rather more by adulthood, Mendelssohn and Mozart.

Mendelssohn's Sinfonia for Strings, No. 10 in B Minor gives way to Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for Violin, Viola and Orchestra. Violinist Peskanov and violinist Toby Hoffman are soloists in the Mozart work, and oboists Ariana Gez and Nicholas Swan and French horn players Angela Cordel and Christina Guarnio fill out the orchestra parts alongside El Virtuosi Italiani. Tickets are \$35 and \$20 students. For more information, visit the Web site at www.bargemusic.org.

'Tiger' composer

BAM's Next Wave festival continues Dec. 11, Dec. 13 and Dec. 14 at 7:30 pm at the BAM Harvey Theater with another work composed for the 250th anniversary of J.S. Bach's death, "Water Passion after St. Matthew." (Osvaldo Golijov's "La Passione de San Marcos" was unveiled last month.)

Tan Dun, best known for his Oscar-winning musical score for the hit martial-arts actioner, "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," composed "Water Passion after St. Matthew" employing his usual amalgam of Western and Eastern sounds, mixed in with theatrical and visual touches that place his "Water Passion" squarely in the performance-art tradition.

No one familiar with Dun's stage work — including his eclectic opera "Marco Polo" — will be surprised by the visual originality of "Water Passion." Along with musicians arrayed around the stage, several of whom play theatrical instruments and sounding, ancient instruments (electronically processed), other performers play 17 illuminated silk lanterns, which will give the piece its title — or use sounds to create a gently soothing percussive sound.

In Dun's hands, the constantly swirled water becomes a metaphor for life, death and transcendence: the message of Bach's original chorales.

In addition, a BAMadelaide with Tan Dun will be offered on Dec. 11 at 6 pm at the BAM Rose Cinemas, 30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene. Tickets are \$20, \$35 and \$50 to the performance. BAMadelaide tickets are \$8. For more information, visit the Web site at www.bam.org.

WHERE TO GO compiled by Susan Rosenthal

Thurs. Dec 5

FLM: St. Francis College presents "Sum of All Fears" 6 pm. 180 Kamen St. (718) 499-5272. Free.

CANDLELIGHT TOUR: Wyckoff House Museum hosts a tour of New York's oldest house, decorated for the holidays. \$3, free for members. 5 to 6 pm. 3816 Clarendon Road. Reservations necessary. (718) 429-5400.

MENORAH LIGHTING: Outside state Supreme Court and Montague streets at 5 pm, at Grand Army Plaza at 6 pm. Free menorahs and candles to take home, latkes, music, and small toys for the children. Rain or shine. (718) 802-1827. Free.

BANKNIGHT: "Ukrainian Dreams: Alexander Drahomirsky." Tuesday, "Earth" (1930). Live piano accompaniment by David Sosen. \$9. 7:15 pm. Also, Black Cinema Cafe presents "Crash as Hell" (2002). 9 pm. O & A with King's Sale follows. 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 636-4111.

SEMINAR: Brooklyn Arts Council presents "Artists and Audience Exchange," a presentation of Brooklyn-based NYFA Artist Fellowship winners. 5:30 to 8 pm. Brooklyn Public Library, Central Branch, Grand Army Plaza. (718) 625-0300. Free.

TREE LIGHTING: Atlantic Avenue event. Entertainment includes Atlantic Avenue Duo Vesp Singers and Santa Claus offering cookies and cider. 6 pm. Belarussian Church, Atlantic Avenue at Bond Street. (718) 875-8993. Free.

AUCTION: New York City College of Technology live and silent auction. Alumna and Visiting Distinguished Professor Michael Lomanno is guest auctioneer. \$20 includes buffet dinner. 6 to 8 pm. 300 Jay St. (718) 260-5025.

CIVIL RIGHTS: Park Slope Food Co-op hosts a talk "Your Civil Rights in the Digital Age." Learn about laws on the books, and proposed legislation in Congress that has an effect on American freedoms. 7 pm. 782 Union St. (718) 622-0560. Free.

BARGEMUSIC: program of "The Four Seasons" by Vivaldi. Also, Verdi: \$35. 7:30 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing. (718) 624-2083.

MEETING: 42nd Assembly District Community Democratic Club holiday event. Also, President's report. 7:45 pm. Church of the Nativity, Foster and Ocean avenues. (718) 377-4126.

LOW BAR: reading by playwright David Mamet. 8 pm. 81 Washington St. (718) 222-1100.

THEATER: Waterford Bridge Theater Company presents "Scrooge," an adaptation of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." \$12. 8 pm. Impact Theater, 190 Lindhurst Ave. (718) 842-0104.

BARBERS BAR: The Strauss Ventriloquist Duo Member concert. No cover. 9 pm. 376 Ninth St. (718) 965-9177.

FIRST THURSDAY: Atlantic Avenue hosts a monthly late-night shopping opportunity. Live music, raffles and more. Shopping district stretches from Hicks Street to Fourth Avenue. Stores open until 9 pm. (718) 623-9753.

NEXT WAVE: Brooklyn Academy of Music presents "Mercy." 7:30 pm. Also, BAM Dialogue with Meredith Monk and Ann Hamilton follows performance. Included in admission with same-night performance. \$45, \$30, \$20. 7:30 pm. Harvey Theater, 651 Third St. (718) 636-4111.

MUSIC: Enon performs. South Pine. 125 18th Ave. at Kew-Forest Place. Call for ticket information. (718) 230-0236.

NEXT WAVE: Brooklyn Academy of Music presents the Nino-gawa Company in "Madness." 7:30 pm. \$50, \$25, 7:30 pm. Howard Gilman Opera House, 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 636-4111.

Fri. Dec 6

CRIFT FAIR: 50 100 hats a sale. 9 am to 3 pm. 211 72nd St. (718) 834-1713.

HOLIDAY FAIR: Our Savior's Lutheran Church. 11 am to 3 pm. 414 80th St. (718) 745-0200.

BANKNIGHT: Black Cinema Cafe presents "Crash as Hell" (2002). 2 pm. 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 636-4111.

FAMILY NIGHT: Fort Hamilton hosts a military family night. Open to current Department of Defense card holders. 5:30 to 9 pm. Fort Hamilton Parkway. (917) 630-4754. Free.

TOT SHABAT: Congregation Mount Sinai invites kids ages 2.5 to 9 to a program featuring songs, prayers and games. 6 to 7 pm. 250 Cedar Plaza West. (718) 875-9124. Free.

MENORAH LIGHTING: The final candles are lit outside state Supreme Court and Montague streets at 2 pm, at the children. Rain or shine. (718) 802-1827. Free.

RECEPTION: Art at the WYCA reception for its exhibit "Self Portrait." 4 to 8 pm. 30 Third Ave. (718) 875-1100. Free.

RECEPTION: Art at the International Drawing Space presents "Meet the Artists." 4 to 8 pm. 393 Van Brunt St. (718) 875-2098. Free.

POTLUCK DINNER: at Plymouth Church. Bring a dish to share. 5:30 to 8 pm. (718) 636-4111.

LECTURE: Park Slope Food Co-op presents a talk "Reason for Hope," with Cello Pascal. 7 pm. 782 Union St. (718) 622-0560. Free.

NEW MOON GATHERING: Create a sacred space during a women's gathering of ritual, song, dance and play. \$15. 7:15 pm. Dev. 837 Union St. Reservations required. (212) 501-3892.

BARGEMUSIC: program of "The Four Seasons" by Vivaldi. Also, Verdi: \$35. 7:30 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing. (718) 624-2083.

HOLIDAY SHOW: Brooklyn Music School presents "A Brooklyn Nutcracker." \$50 includes a champagne reception. 7:30 pm. 126 St. Felix St. (718) 638-5640.

ROCK: Brooklyn Lyceum presents music with "Pigeon Feed Change Feed." \$10, \$20. 300 227 Fourth Ave. (718) 875-4816.

TWO ROOTS: Super #7, bring jazz and blues. 10 pm. No cover. 514 Second St. (718) 499-3253.

LOW BAR: live music with Derek Richmond and Sonora. No cover. 10 pm. 81 Washington St. (718) 222-1100.

DROP-IN CENTER: Union Temple hosts a place for infants and toddlers during the cold-weather months ahead. Tuesday through Friday. \$5 for one child, \$7.50 for two. 10 am to 2 pm. 17 Eastern Parkway. (718) 638-7600.

DINNER THEATER: Bread and Wine Productions presents "The Last Supper." 7 pm. See Sat.

ST. ANN'S WAREHOUSE: presents music with Loose Fur. 8 pm. See Sat.

Sat. Dec 7

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

OUTDOOR SKATING: Prospect Park's Ice Skating Rink. Open. \$4 rental fee, \$4 admission. 10 am to 10 pm. Dec. 2 to 6 pm and 7 to 10 pm. Enter Park at Parkside. (718) 287-6431.

PERFORMANCES

FESTIVE FUSION: Brooklyn Music School Youth Choir sings carols. Noon to 2 pm. LDC Park, Fulton Street and Lafayette Avenue. (718) 875-1000. Free.

DINNER THEATER: Bread and Wine Productions presents "The Last Supper." dinner theater for 12 people in the playhouse's kitchen. \$35. \$25 donation for dinner and show is \$25 to \$40 per person. 7 pm. Reservations necessary. 410 16th St. (718) 499-7758.

MALCOLM CAPE: presents T. Fense installation, a charity project involving hand-drawn labels, each offering hand around the theme of Global Peace. 8 pm. See Sat.

NEXT WAVE: Brooklyn Academy of Music presents the Nino-gawa Company in "Madness." 7:30 pm. See Sat.

MODEL RAILROAD: Bay Ridge Model Railroad Club presents a display. 8 to 10 pm. See Sat.

THEATER: Waterford Bridge Theater Company presents "Scrooge." 8 pm. See Sat.

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Art for everyone

New Popcorn Room opens with exhibit of Wang's work

By Lisa J. Curtis
The Brooklyn Papers

Jon Kane is adept at piquing the curiosity of his Park Slope neighbors.

Like the time he filled his workroom with popcorn.

Optic Nerve, his film production company, often used space at 402 Fifth St., at Sixth Avenue, as an editing room when his company's needs overflowed their adjacent space. To assuage his guilt — "I felt guilty having ugly shades," he said — he filled his storefront windows with popcorn.

The fluffy kernels drew the curious, who came and inquired what was behind the edible installation, but not until this week has there been an attraction to back up the amazing exterior.

On Dec. 7, Kane unveils The Popcorn Room, his new fine art gallery, which will feature "Harvey Wang's America: Photography 1973-1995" as its inaugural exhibit. The 13-foot by 17-foot space holds just over 20 of Wang's photographs.

"These are some of the strongest images I've made in my life," Wang told GO Brooklyn in a telephone interview from Buffalo, where he's making a short film about a 93-year-old photographer.

Wang, a Flatbush resident, is known for his black-and-white portraits of working-class Americans featured in the books "Harvey Wang's New York" (W.W. Norton and Company, 1990) and in his collaboration with David Isay, "Holding On: Dreamers, Visionaries, Eccentrics, and Other American Heroes" (Norton, 1996). His photographs from these two books were exhibited at the National Museum of

ART

"Harvey Wang's America: Photography 1973-1995" will be on view at the Popcorn Room (402 Fifth St. at Sixth Avenue, Park Slope) Dec. 7-Jan. 31. Hours are 11 am to 7 pm, weekdays, and 10 am to 6 pm, weekends. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information call (718) 569-5219. The opening reception is on Dec. 7, 6-8 pm.

American History at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., in 1995, and have been traveling throughout the United States since 1998.

In Brooklyn, a couple of his photographs were included in the "Jews of Brooklyn" exhibit at Long Island University's Salena Gallery last February and his work is in the collection of the Brooklyn Museum of Art.

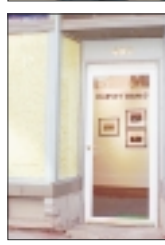
Wang has even received Emmy Awards for his work on WNET's City Arts. His most recent book is "Flap House: Life on the Bowery" (Random House, 2000).

Kane met the working man's photographer-filmmaker several years ago at Celsius Films, a commercial film company where both men worked as directors.

Kane's inaugural exhibit, born out of that friendship, is a coup for Brooklyn.

"This is the first time this collection will be publicly displayed," he said. Wang elaborated: "Some of the individuals were shown here and there or were taken on assignment for a magazine, but the pictures in this collection are not part of any other series or books. They are just my take on America, my experience as a photographer, my journey as a photographer, my life."

Wang hopes the complete collection, called "Harvey Wang's America," will be picked up by a publisher.



Pop art: Photographer-filmmaker Harvey Wang (left) and Popcorn Room owner Jon Kane prepare for the opening of the inaugural exhibition of the gallery, "Harvey Wang's America." (At left) The Popcorn Room's facade on Fifth Street in Park Slope has intrigued the neighborhood for years.

The Brooklyn Papers / Greg Mango

Of the photographs on display at the Popcorn Room are a variety of snapshots of life. Some represent poignant moments of New York City's history, from "The Dakota, 1980," capturing a teeming throng of mourners' hands reaching skyward, making peace gestures and holding aloft a picture of the slain John Lennon, to a portrait of a decadent dessert near a window with an amazing view — "Windows on the World, 1989." Some represent Wang's wry sense of humor, like the 1976 shot "Marshall, NC" wherein a young couple fervently kisses, while a non-plussed kid sits to their right, picking her teeth. In "Central Park Zoo, 1982"

a middle-aged woman wearing antennae is shot from the back as she looks through cage bars at a zebra.

Wang said his planned book would close with the photograph "NYC 1995," which was shot inside the ticket booth of the Walter Reade Theater at Lincoln Center.

"I was on assignment for the Village Voice, taking pictures related to cinema, and I just ended up in the ticket booth," said Wang. "This series ends on that picture in 1995 — I didn't stop taking pictures then. I've done two books since then — but it represents my move into film, bridges my transition into filmmaking. In the little book that I made, that's the last one."

The Popcorn Room will be selling \$5 sets of Wang postcards and his books. Kane said his relatively affordable prices are a deliberate attempt to entice first-time collectors.

"We did not want to be intimidating or upscale," said Kane. "This is not a Manhattan thing transplanted into Brooklyn. We do not want to appear unapproachable by the average neighborhood person."

"On the other hand we have the real thing, it's really here — artist prints." Wang's photographs (each "printed by the renowned Sid Kaplan under

Harvey Wang's watchful eye," said Kane) printed in a series of 10, are available for \$800-\$1,200 as well as 8-by-10 artist proofs printed by Wang himself for \$300 each.

Kane, whose company and home of 12 years are still on the same street, says he will keep his day job at Optic Nerve while he operates the Popcorn Room with partner Brian Boigen. (Kane had taken 18 months off to edit Godfrey Reggio's film "Koyaanisqatsi," with score by Philip Glass, released this year. It is the third film in the Reggio-Glass trilogy, which includes the cult hit "Koyaanisqatsi" and "Powaqqatsi.")

Although Kane takes art quite seriously — he's a photographer and collector, too — it's clear he doesn't take himself so seriously, choosing to name himself and Boigen, "The Popcorn Brothers," perhaps the art world's answer to the Smothers Brothers, or the Coen Brothers.

As for future exhibitions, Kane throws around lots of other big-name artists, but does not yet have a schedule confirmed. He also wants to feature local artists.

"I want to get on the map first," he said. "But we don't want to just be a small gallery exclusively showing local work. We are trying for a balance."

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MOSEL BALLOON. Bay Ridge Model Balloon Club presents a display. \$3, \$15 adults, 2 to

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HOLIDAY SALE: St. Ann's offers holiday gifts. 10 am to 6 pm, 157 Montague St. (718) 875-6760.

UNFAIR: First Unitarian Church hosts its annual gift event. 10 am to 3 pm, 75 Hicks St. (718) 624-5466.

CRAFT FAIR: St. Andrew's Church, 10 am to 6:30 pm, 6713 Ridge Boulevard. (718) 680-1010.

HOLIDAY BAZAR: at St. Luke's Church, 11 am to 5 pm, 259 Washington Ave. (718) 622-5612.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS: PS 321 hosts an event featuring handcrafted merchandise, including jewelry, ceramics, quilts, scarves and clothing. 11 am to 4 pm, 180 Seventh Ave. (718) 282-8675.

AUCTION: CUMBO Art Center hosts its winter event. Works of art, including paintings, sculpture, artists up for bid. 8 pm, Pre-auction reception 6 to 8 pm, 30 Washington St. (718) 674-0867.

OTHER

WORKSHOP: Access for Women hosts "Women in Technology," a workshop on non-traditional careers for women. 9 am to 1 pm, New York City College of Technology, 186 Jay St. (718) 532-1134. Free.

BROOKLYN DAY: Museum of Modern Art offers free admission on "Brooklyn Days." Residents of Brooklyn are invited to visit at no charge today. Events include gallery talks, arts and crafts, music and art. 10 am to 5 pm, 45-20 33rd Street at Queens Boulevard, Queens. (212) 708-9400. Free.

OPEN STUDIO: Scanlon Glass hosts its annual event featuring several New York City glass artists. Includes blowing demos, gallery work showing and items for sale. 11 am to 5 pm, 103 14th St. (718) 369-3645. Free.

RECEPTION: Arts Center presents "Black and White," new and selected works by Tony Landau. 10 am to 5 pm, 212 Smith St. (718) 463-5817. Free.

BASEBALL GALLERY: Book reading and signing of "Sandy Koufax: A Life's Legacy." Jane Leavy signs copies of her new book. 1:30 pm, 1904 Surf Ave. (212) 355-0400. Free.

RELAXATION: Park Slope Food Co-op offers a workshop in...

the holiday season. \$25 preferred seating, \$15, \$8 children under 10 and seniors. 7:30 pm, St. Augustine Church, 116 Sixth Ave. (718) 243-9447.

NEXT WAVE: Brooklyn Academy of Music presents Ann Hamilton's multimedia music-theater work "Mercy." \$45, \$30, \$20, 7:30 pm, Also, BAM Dialogue with Meredith Monk and Ann Hamilton follows performance. Included in admission with same-night performance. Henry Theater, 551 Fulton St. Also, NewStage Company in "Macbeth." \$50, \$25, 7:30 pm, Howard Gilman Opera House, 30 Lafayette Ave. (718) 624-1117.

HOLIDAY SHOW: Brooklyn Music School presents "A Brooklyn Nutcracker." \$50, 7:30 pm, 126 St. Felix St. (718) 628-5660.

JAZZ: Brooklyn Conservatory of Music presents pianist Arturo O'Farrill. \$20, \$15 students and seniors. 8 pm, 58 Seventh Ave. (718) 622-3300.

THEATER: Waterloo Bridge Theater Company presents "George," an adaptation of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." \$12, 8 pm, Impact Theater, 190 Underhill Ave. (718) 842-0104.

HIGHLY PLAYERS: presents "Carnegie." \$15, \$12 seniors and children. 8 pm, 26 Waverly Place. (718) 237-2752.

ST. ANN'S WAREHOUSE: presents

music with Loose Fur, with Jeff Tweedy, Jim O'Rourke and Glenn Kotche. \$25, 8 pm, 38 Water St. (718) 858-2424.

BARBERS BAR: acoustic music with David Fox. No cover. 9 pm, 776 Ninth St. (718) 965-9177.

PETE'S CANDY STORE: Acoustic performer Stephen Clair performs. 9 pm, No cover, 709 Lorimer St. (718) 302-3770.

BROOKLYN BREWHAHA: Comedy night at East End. 273 Smith St. (718) 624-6878.

PARLOR JAZZ: Vocalist Juanita Jones. \$20, 9 pm, 1030 5th Ave. (718) 624-1117.

LOW BAR: Live rock and acoustic music. No cover. 10 pm, 81 Washington St. (718) 222-1000.

MUSIC: Pianos celebrates its second anniversary with live music by Helian du Groupe. La Touche Malakand. 7:30 pm, 167 Fifth Ave. (718) 657-9091.

CHILDREN: Prospect Park Zoo hosts a meet, greet and eat with its baboons. \$16, per adult and child. Appropriate for ages 4 to 6. 5 to 10 pm, 450 Flatbush Ave. Reservations necessary. (718) 331-3221.

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Chocoholics sample the boro's best chocolate purveyors

By Tina Barry
For The Brooklyn Papers

Picture a huge room filled with booth after booth of the finest chocolate. Imagine the sweet scent of cocoa baking. Let your mind's eye wander over pyramids of dark chocolate truffles, milk chocolate candies filled with fruit-infused creams, bubbling vats of hot cocoa and crisp cookies studded with white chocolate chunks.

A peep show for chocoholics? Not intentionally. It's the fifth annual Chocolate Show, which was held the weekend of Nov. 15 at the Metropolitan Pavilion in Manhattan.

Maybe it takes a Parisian to understand America's fascination with chocolate. "When we learned that chocolate is the number one favorite flavor in the U.S. we knew that Americans shared our obsession," said Sylvie Douce, who, along with partner Francois Jeantot, owns Event International Inc., the Paris-based company that produces the Chocolate Show.

More than 20,000 obsessed New Yorkers attended this year's show — billed as "a three-day celebration of the ultimate comfort food" — to sample the goods of more than 50 exhibitors. Free nibbles of fudge, cookies, truffles and hot chocolate kept the crowds moving from one booth to another. Attendees, who formed knots around each exhibitor's booth, kept their comments to themselves: "Um, I Wows!" and "I'll take that in a five-pound box."

In addition to edible chocolates, exhibitors sold chocolate-related items such as vintage postcards, chocolate-themed board games and every imaginable dessert cookbook.

Those inspired by chocolate extend-

DINING

Jacques Torres Chocolate (64 Water St., between Water and Main Streets) accepts Visa, MasterCard and American Express. For information call (718) 875-9772 or visit the Web site at www.mchocolate.com.

Williamsburg Fudge, (718) 782-5512, accepts Visa, MasterCard and American Express. It is available at Squenese Bar 1198 Bedford Ave. near North Sixth St. (718) 782-9181.

Gold Star Imports (250 Loraine St. between Smith and Court streets) accepts Visa, MasterCard and American Express. For information, contact Donna Katz at (718) 330-0167 or visit the Web site at www.goldstarimports.com.

ed beyond restaurant kitchens. Fashion designers collaborated with pastry chefs to create costumes — some with edible pieces — that were pure, delicious fantasy. Designer Nicole Miller and pastry chef Nicole Kaplan of Elvaden Madison Park in Manhattan displayed "Colette Choccolat," a dress inspired by the French writer Colette. Scattered across the pale, cocoa-colored bodice were rose-shaped chocolates in tones of bitterweet and soft apricot. Peach colored ribbons adorned with large cocoa-colored "beads" swung over the skirt.

Two theaters, sponsored by KitchenAid and Valrhona (a maker of fine chocolate) were erected for cooking demonstrations. Chefs donned wireless microphone headpieces while they mixed, beat and whipped chocolates. After the chefs made their complicated concoctions look like a mere flick of the whisk, the packed audience was then treated to samples of their handwork.

After taking a bite of a delicious chocolate cake, a man put his fork down and whispered, "To die for."



Sugar highs: (Top) Jacques Torres Chocolates of DUMBO was represented at the annual Chocolate Show by (left to right) Ken Goto, Kris Kruid and Torres. (Above) Sam Biber, owner of Williamsburg Fudge, distributed samples of his old-fashioned, dense, creamy fudge.

Jacques Torres, whose factory and cafe in DUMBO supplies the area's sugar addicts with chocolates, croissants and hot chocolate, was one of several Brooklyn-based chocolate purveyors who exhibited at the show and entertained their participants.

Torres ladled out steaming cups of his Hot Hot Chocolate (named for the sweet ancho chilies and chipotle peppers that leave a lingering warmth in the mouth). The drink, generously seasoned with allspice and cinnamon, has the flavor and aroma of chocolate bread with a rich, melted chocolate consistency. A dollop of

fresh whipped cream would push this drink blissfully over the top.

Piled on his booth's tables were deep tangerine-colored dried apricots dipped in bitter dark chocolate that are the most luxurious combination of

chevy fruit and hard, crackling chocolate imaginable. A few booths down, tattooed servers handed festival-goers tiny samples of the 50 flavors offered by Williamsburg Fudge.

In his commercial Williamsburg kitchen, Sam Biber, owner of Williamsburg Fudge, tinkers with each recipe until it's "just right." Just

right to Biber is an old-fashioned, dense, creamy square of fudge with a pleasing, not overly sweet flavor. Williamsburg Fudge offers familiar tastes like Belgium chocolate and maple walnut, and more exotic flavors such as the seasonal pumpkin pie, Jack Daniels and dark orange. The bitterweet dark orange tastes like a Drosche Chocolate Orange — the kind that magically falls into wets of when you give it a good slam against the table.

Williamsburg Fudge is sold in quarter-pound pieces for \$3-\$4. Look for Williamsburg Fudge at Squeeze Bar 1198 Bedford Ave. near North Sixth St. (718) 782-9181. Until Dec. 24, Biber will be selling his fudge at the Bryant Park Holiday Market 2002, in Manhattan's Bryant Park (Sixth Avenue between 41st and 42nd streets).

This was the third year Donna Katz of Gold Star Imports in Red Hook sold his imported Cemoi truffles at the Chocolate Show. While other vendors built elaborate displays, Katz's setup drew true chocolate connoisseurs seeking dazzling taste, not glitzy packaging.

A Cemoi chocolate truffle, dusted with unsweetened cocoa powder, had the not-too-sweet quality of good, dark chocolate without the bitter edge. Katz's Gold Star company is the exclusive importer and distributor of Cemoi truffles, made by the Cemoi Group, a private-label French manufacturer of chocolate confections. In addition to truffles, Gold Star imports four lines of chocolate with 40 different products including an organic chocolate selection, seasonal gift boxes of specialty chocolates, liqueur-filled truffles and premium chocolate

Katz sells his chocolates online and in several Brooklyn markets. Cemoi truffles can be found in many Brooklyn stores including the Park Slope Food Co-op (782 Union St. between Sixth and Seventh avenues, (718) 622-0560) and Southern Gastroenter Corporation (239 Brighton Beach Ave. at First Place (718) 891-6569). Priced at just \$5-\$7, this is a gourmet gift that nobody will guess was a bargain.

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movement, drawing and poetry to offer relaxation techniques during the busy time of year 1 to 4 pm, 782 Union St. (718) 522-0560. Free.

CLOSING DAY: Seventh annual BWAC Small Works art exhibit closes with a ceremony and music by Tintin and Poetic Notion. Noon to 4 pm. Silent auction ends between 2 and 3 pm. 499 Van Brunt St. (718) 296-2507. Free.

MYSTERY SERIES: Brooklyn Public Library, Central branch, hosts a three-part series "Mysteries from the Outer Boroughs." Mystery writers, all from the boroughs of Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens and Staten Island, read from their books and discuss how they create page-turning words. Today: Clyde Lyndon Sawyer, Jr., Joseph Tringoloff, Richard Velazco and Mary Anne Kelly read 2 pm. Grand Army Plaza. (718) 230-2100. Free.

COMMUNITY FORUM: Prospect Lefferts Garden Voices for Peace and Justice joins the anti-war movement in the US and discusses "War or Iraq? What's at Stake?" 4 to 7 pm. The Church of the Evangel, Bedford Avenue and Hawthorne Street. (718) 941-5155. Free.

SMALL WORKS: Williamsburg Art and Historical Center presents an exhibit "Local Talent/Small Works." 4 to 7 pm. 135 Broadway (718) 628-5544. Free.

FIRST SATURDAY: Brooklyn Museum of Art hosts its monthly event featuring a program of

art and entertainment. Highlights include Paul Shan and Lina Music and Dance at 7 pm. Broadway-based film "Father Pancho" (1995) at 9 pm. Debra Volska discusses feminist performance from the 1970s at 9 pm. Dance lessons at 8 pm. Dance party with all-female K2 McClure Big Band at 9 pm. 5 to 11 pm. 200 Eastern Parkway. (718) 638-5000. Free.

BAMCINEMATEK: Black Cinema Cafe presents "Crazy As Hell" (2002). 2 pm. Q & A with film maker and actor Eric La Salle after screening. La Salle after screening. (718) 636-4111.

RECEPTION: Popcorn Room Gallery presents its inaugural exhibit "Harvey Hancock." 12 to 5 pm. Meet at main entrance, Fifth Avenue and 25th Street. (718) 369-3219. Free.

Sun, Dec 8

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

GREEN-WOOD CEMETERY: Big Ocean Tours takes a walk around the Victorian "City of the Dead." 512, 510 seniors and students. 1 pm. Meet at main entrance, Fifth Avenue and 25th Street. (718) 439-1090.

PERFORMANCES

BAND MUSIC: Kingsborough Community College presents its stage band in a program featuring sounds of the Big Bands. 2:30 pm. 2001 Oriental Boulevard. (718) 368-5596. Free.

CONCERT: New York Baroque

presents a concert "Pie à Saint-James." Christmas music from 17th century Italy. \$20, \$15 seniors and students. 4 pm. First United Church, Pierpont Street and Monroe Place. (718) 862-6544.

BANGEMUSIC: presents a program of works by Fauré, Ravel, Mendelssohn and Mozart. \$50. 4 pm. Fulton Ferry Landing. (718) 624-2083.

SING-ALONG: St. Jacob's Lutheran Church hosts a community sing-along. Selections include Handel's "Messiah" and holiday music. 4 pm. Reception follows. 5400 Fourth Ave. (718) 439-8978.

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT: Grace Choral Society and Orchestra of Brooklyn perform. \$15, \$10 students and seniors. 4 pm. Old First Reformed Church, 125 Seventh Ave. (718) 707-1411.

CONCERT: Fred's Bar and Backroom presents Convertible Jennifer in concert. No cover. 9 pm. 485 Dean St. (718) 622-7035.

HEIGHTS PLAYERS: "Carnegie." 2 pm. See Sat.

HOLIDAY SHOW: Brooklyn Museum presents "A Brooklyn Nutcracker." 3 pm. See Sat.

THEATER: Wadsworth Bridge Theater Company presents "Socrates." 8 pm. See Sat.

CHILDREN

FESTIVE FULTON: Kids are invited to talk with Santa. 1 to 3 pm. Cultural Crossroads, 85 S. Oxford St. (718) 875-1000. Free.

STORY TELLING: 400 invites kids for stories with color and cookies. 1 to 3 pm. 424 4th St. Also, story-telling at Hot Toddy. Noon to 5 pm. 741 Fulton St. (718) 875-1000. Free.

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BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN: presents The Walt Whitman Poetry. Members of the Whitman troupe read and recite some of the author's famous poetry in three pavilions of the Steinhardt Conservatory. 2 to 3 pm. Also, "The Mayor." 4:30 pm. 53, 1000 Washington Ave. (718) 629-7333.

MODEL RAILROAD: Bay Ridge Model Railroad Club presents a display. 2 to 5:30 pm. See Sat.

OTHER

HOLIDAY FAIR: St. Charles Bonomo School hosts a fair and silent auction. \$1, 10 am to 4 pm. 23 Salley Place. (718) 596-1362.

SALE: Oratory Church of St. Boniface hosts a sale featuring vendors of jewelry, antiques, quilts, music and more. 10 am to 5 pm. 300 York St. (718) 875-1000. Free.

BOOK SIGNING: As part of Festive Fulton, Lloyd Boston, style contributor to NBC's "Today Show," signs his new book. 2 to 5 pm. Yu Interiors, 15 Greene Ave. (718) 875-1000. Free.

BAMCINEMATEK: presents the films of Andrei Tarkovsky. Today: "My Name Is Asher Lev." Childhood (1962). \$7, 2, 4:30, 6:30 and 9:10 pm. Also, "Andrei Rublev" (1966). 4:10 and 8 pm. Also, Eric La Salle's "Crazy as Hell" (2002). 2 pm. 30 Salley Ave. (718) 636-4111.

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they want to see," he emphatically said.

Hill wants to take it a step further; he'll invite "Scrooge" audiences to sing along and to come on stage during the play's party scene.

"We took Charles Dickens' classic novel of Yuletide redemption and adapted it for the theater by combining his original language and our commitment to making the audience an integral part of the production," explained Hill.

"It's great that 'A Christmas Carol' is at Madison Square Garden and can have a real, live snowstorm," said Hill. "But we would like people to come to this show and walk away feeling connected to the characters."

"They'll be able to say, 'We got on stage and danced with the Fezzibags.' It's more teaching that way."

The Waterloo Bridge Theatre Company's production of "Scrooge: A Christmas Carol" will be performed at the Impact Theatre 190 Underhill Ave. at St. Johns Place, (718) 502-0796 Dec. 5-22, Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 3 pm. All tickets are \$12. On Sat., Dec. 21, the company will hold a benefit party following the performance. Tickets for the show and party are \$20. For more information, visit their Web site at www.waterloobridge4t.com.

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SING-ALONG POTLUCK: Spoke the Hup hosts a session, singing and singing event. Bring food and drink, share and your favorite songs and instruments to play. Gospel to Grateful Dead accepted. 5:30 pm. 746 Union St. (718) 657-5156. Free.

BARBES BAR: Reading series presents *Away Holiday and Leaf* by David Byrne. 8 pm. 117 Remsen St. (718) 602-1822. Free.

HOULDA PARTY: Benefit for the Blind Multi-handicapped and Braille Volunteer Ambulance. 5:30 pm. 746 Union St. (718) 657-5156. Free.

MEETING: of AARP Bay Ridge Chapter. 2:30 pm. Shore Hill Housing, 9002 Shore Road, (718) 492-1006.

OPEN STUDIO: at Scarlati Glass. 11 am to 5 pm. See Sat., Dec. 7.

Mon, Dec 9

PHILADELPHIA TRIP: Brooklyn

Bolton Garden takes a trip to the Fairmount Park district in Philadelphia. Visit 18th-century historic houses, decked out in holiday trim. Lunch at City Tavern, walked on by costumed wait staff. \$99 members. 8 am to 7 pm. Reservations necessary. 10001a Washington Ave. (718) 623-7220.

SUPPER: Help for the Hand of Hearing hosts a support group. 2 pm. Brooklyn College, Student Center, Campus Road and East 27th Street. (718) 769-0771. Free.

INTERFAITH FAMILIES: Temple Beth Ahavah Shalom hosts talk "How to Be An Interfaith Family During the Holidays." 7:30 pm. 2168 Benson Ave. (718) 372-0933. Free.

AUDITIONS: Heights Players hosts try-outs for its upcoming production "Come Blow Your Horn." 7 pm. 25 Willow Place.

COMPUTER CLASS: Families First offers a class "Exploring Medical Information on the Web." \$40, 10 am to noon. 220 Baltic St. (718) 237-1862.

HEALTHY FORUM: NYCHA hosts "Black Health and Self Determination" forum featuring speakers, workshops, cultural presentation and more. 1 to 5 pm. 30 Third Ave. (718) 622-4115. Free.

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READING: Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corp. presents "Spoken Word Meets Music." Open-mic session for local poets. 7 to 9 pm. Skylight Gallery, 1368 Fulton St. (718) 536-4992. Free.

CONCERT: Forecast Music presents new music by Julie Haring, Eric Schwartz, Giancarlo Vulcano and Gal Ziv. 5:30 pm. The Great Room at the Alliance of Resident

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BRIC STUDIO: presents "Sink or Swim," a post-modernist play show featuring aerial artist Elise Knudsen, dance, hip-hop music and storytelling in a cabaret-like setting. \$10, 58 students. 7:30 pm. 57 Rockwell Place. (718) 855-7882.

ST. ANN'S WAREHOUSE: "Salome," by Oscar Wilde. 8 pm. See Tue.

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